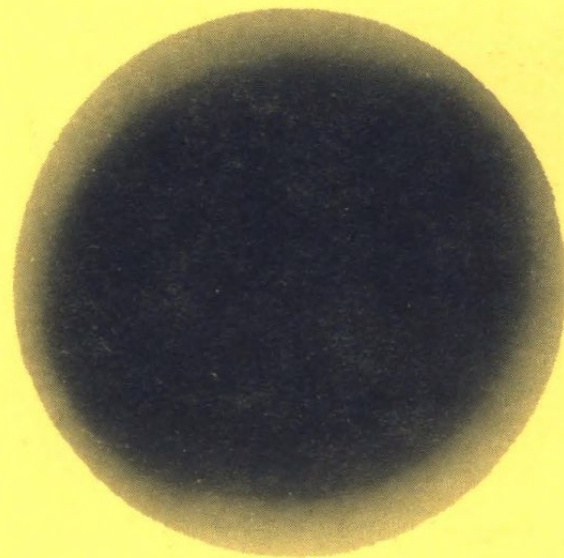


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In September, 1967, less than a year after the Condon committee at the University of Colorado started its so-called UFO investigation, Dr. Condon was quoted as saying: "The 21st century may die laughing when it looks back on many things we have done. This (the UFO study) may be one."

The 21st century may die laughing all right but not for the reason that Dr. Condon expected. At a cost of \$500,000, two years of allegedly scientific study and almost 1,500 pages of writing, the committee has come up with a report which says, in effect, there is no such thing as flying saucers. Somehow the committee has managed to explain away the greatest mystery of our time because, apparently, it did not believe there was a mystery in the first place and did not wish to have its scientific stature lessened by giving credence to the slightest part of it.

To quote a newspaper interview with the committee head at a still earlier date: "Dr. Condon left no doubt as to his personal sentiments on the matter: 'It is my inclination right now to recommend that the Government get out of this business. My attitude right now (January, 1967) is that there's nothing to it.' With a smile, he added, 'but I'm not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year . . .'"

Consider these remarks against reports released in July, 1965, by the armed forces of Chile and Argentina about a sighting made by their garrisons in the Antarctic. The reports, backed up by tracking with theodolites and high-powered binoculars, described a "giant lens-shaped flying object, solid in appearance, color mostly red and green, changing occasionally, with yellow, blue, white and orange shades."

To this the commanding officer of the Chilean base, Mario Jahn Barrera, added in a radio interview: "It is nonsense to say that we saw a flying saucer like those from science fiction stories. What we sighted was something real, a solid object which was moving at incredible speeds, performed manœuvres, emitted a greenish light, and caused interference in the electro-magnetic instruments of the Argentine base situated close to ours, on a small island. It hovered in mid-air after performing one of its manœuvres, remaining motionless for about 20 minutes and then moving away at high speed."

Presumably Dr. Condon and his committee would tell those men that, standing there in the stark isolation of the Antarctic, they saw nothing or that what they did see had some normal explanation. Presumably, too, the same goes for thousands of other strange observations equally well supported.

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But, perhaps in anticipation of such tricky situations, Dr. Condon leaves a little escape gap that in reality is a wide rift in the alleged scientific integrity of his investigation. After maintaining there is no evidence that UFOs are the vehicles of intelligent creatures from another world, his report starts its evasive action by stating that 90 per cent of them can be explained in terms of ordinary phenomena. Then comes the retreat — and those which cannot be so explained show no evidence of a threat to U.S. security.

So who is talking about a threat or, for that matter, the interests of any one country? The question is simply are we on this earth being visited, aggressively or not, by craft from outer space? If we are, the matter of possible danger to one particular country is a minor point. The phenomenon is worldwide and its implications are infinitely wider.

To the United States goes the credit of being the first to make a substantial and

organized effort to penetrate this mystery. It is disappointing that despite the authoritative approach of the Condon report, the core of the issue has not been touched. Nor will it be until other countries with different methods do their part in seeking an answer.

Canada once had its Project Magnet which, under the late Wilbert B. Smith, did accumulate solid evidence of the reality of UFOs. As described in the first issue of *Canadian UFO Report*, Smith had a 3,000-pound piece of strange metal from space under study but for some reason no findings were ever announced and the project petered out. Now a watching brief on UFOs is maintained by the National Research Council but whatever findings there are do not reach the public domain as they should.

Let's forget about the false bogey of national alarm and start an active full-scale pursuit of the truth.

## Letters

*The first issue of Canadian UFO Report was followed by a gratifying number of letters-to-editor. We welcome such letters with the hope that the opinions and reports of readers will form a substantial part of our magazine. If a letter is not for publication, we will of course respect the writer's wish provided it is so stated.*



Sir:

I am writing to tell you that I think the magazine about UFOs is a great idea. I enjoyed your first issue tremendously, especially as I happen to be one of those lucky people who have actually seen a UFO.

Although I was somewhat skeptical about them for several years, I can no longer doubt, having seen one myself.

I was looking out of my sitting room window, which overlooks Maple Bay, when I saw a bright light that seemed to be rather cigar shaped crossing between Maxwell and Erskine (I think it is) mountains. It seemed to be two or three miles away and the measurement would be about four inches which makes it pretty large. I called my husband, who was in the kitchen, to come to see it but by the time he arrived it was behind Maxwell.

It was a different sort of lighted thing, rather like a fluorescent light and seemed not to be going too fast, but must have been going quite fast, actually, as it took only a few seconds to cross the gap between these two mountains.

I have seen dirigibles and nearly all types of large aircraft and it certainly was not like any of those. A woman who lived nearby at the time was said to have seen it, also.

As far as I can remember this happened between the years 1958 and '62. I wish I had made a record. Anyway, it was the year there were so many reported sightings in the district. I enclose a drawing of what I saw and wonder if you would tell me if you think it was a flying saucer. It was exactly like two saucers placed together, face to face, and flying horizontally.

J. Porter  
Duncan, B.C.

*This description tallies with that of other UFO sightings. The shape of saucers face to face and the fluorescent-type lighting are characteristic features — Ed.*

Sir:

Some months ago the North Island Gazette at Port Hardy published a short account of a sighting made by Bob Thomson who owns and operates Alert Bay Airlines. This might be worth looking into as it is not the only sighting to have been made near Port McNeil.

Wilma Olney  
Sointula, B.C.

*Is there anyone who can add to this information? — Ed.*

Sir:

I have followed the controversy in the U.S.A. over the University of Colorado's report and am disgusted with the conclusion and recommendations.

Jurian Korperskoek  
Rexdale, Ontario

Sir:

Brian Cannon has sent me a copy of the first issue of *CANADIAN UFO REPORT* and I'm very impressed with the layout and contents. I wish you luck and success with this venture and hope that it will grow and become very important to the general UFO case.

I have spent hundreds of hours correlating both contemporary and historical sightings geographically. Gradually I have evolved what now appears to be a very workable hypothesis. I have found that the historical sightings and the modern ones (1947 onwards) follow a definite geographical pattern. They conform to a great arc, a perfect circle . . . sweeping from northern Montana into Wyoming, crossing Nebraska and the central states and returning towards Canada through Michigan and Ohio. It is now possible for me to "predict" UFO appearances along this route and I have been doing so with increasing success. There are, of course, other "routes" in other sections of the U.S. but "the great circle route" as I call it, clearly extends into Canada. Unfortunately, my Canadian data is not anywhere near as complete as my U.S. material but I would guess that the circle continues northwards following the same arc and that the uppermost part is located somewhere in the Northwest Territories. Perhaps around Queen Maud Gulf. That area is very thinly populated and there seems to be no data at all, but Vallee (author of *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*) has discovered (and my own research has confirmed) that the greatest UFO activity is carried out in the most thinly populated areas. Thus an area with little or no population may have the most activity of all. In other words, it is my suspicion that many of the North American UFOs may be originating in northern Canada.

John A. Keel  
New York

Sir:

I found your magazine informative and good reading.

On Dec. 23, 1967, at about 9:55 p.m., I saw from my bedroom window a large ball-shaped luminous red-colored light which was perfectly round and

smooth-surfaced. It was luminous from a light or lighting from its inside. Its diameter was like that of a car tire and it was like nothing I've ever seen before. The night sky was without stars but was clear.

The ball was travelling in a horizontal direction at 30 to 45 m.p.h. It was too close and moving too slowly to be taken as any known object.

I was very excited and just stared.

It was 50 to 100 feet above the buildings across the lane from my bedroom . . . When it turned, it changed its red color to a white with a trace of blue. As it turned and changed color, it increased its speed to at least 100 m.p.h. The object looked oval-shaped because of its speed, and its white-blue color was like a sparkler covering all of the object.

The sighting lasted 30 seconds to one minute. In the whole observation I heard no sound of a motor nor saw any exhaust. The object seemed to be scouting or looking for something, then shot away fast. It seemed under intelligent control.

I told my mother after she had gotten off the telephone but she did not believe me.

John S. Martin,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Sir:

I am a member of CAPRO and have just received a copy of *Canadian UFO Report*. I only had to look at the cover to realize that this magazine had class. In content quality it rivals the Dell publishing company's 1967 4-edition volume of *Flying Saucers, UFO Reports*. It struck me as being a major breakthrough on the Canadian UFO scene. I strongly recommend sending a copy to Prime Minister Trudeau, every UFO agency in the world. It is one of the first all-Canadian efforts in this field, and I hope it remains this way, without sheltering under the wing of a U.S. agency, the way many other organizations in Canada have.

Your article on Mars was very good, as was the rest of the magazine. The photographic quality is good and should be used to print photos of flying saucers. I like your idea of maps, such as you used for the Yukon sightings. Your editorial, *Introducing Us*, was well written and reflects your excellent attitude toward the subject.

Could you please announce in the next publication the approximate date at which this magazine will be available on the newsstands in Ontario and the rest of Canada?

David Bailey,  
Scarborough, Ontario

*Canadian UFO Report now has newsstand distribution on Vancouver Island and in Vancouver, Calgary and Hamilton, Ontario. We hope to arrange the same distribution in other cities across Canada. — Ed.*

Sir:

If I may, I would like to report a sighting in this area, about 80 miles west of Jasper, Alta.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 last year, I was walking to see a neighbor when this amber-orange star appeared near the horizon to the southwest. I

## Letters — continued

was taken aback because I could not recall ever seeing the planet Mars in that location.

Then it grew larger and, as soon as I gathered my senses, I obtained a couple of very reliable witnesses . . . and there were others. The object obtained a size of about one-third of the size of the moon and appeared to be travelling in a huge arc from the southwest to the northwest on a horizontal plane.

There was no noise and the speed was about three times that of a small jet plane or other aircraft.

I do not recall ever seeing a conventional aircraft in this area in the winter. We see satellites continually but not skimming over the mountain-tops. This also applies to meteors.

David E. Taylor,  
Valemont, B.C.

Sir:

I just purchased the first issue of *Canadian UFO Report* and was very interested.

As a family we live at Boat Harbor 10 miles south of Nanaimo, and have been observing, ever since Boxing Day '68, an object which appears approximately 75 degrees high in the southwest sky at approximately 4:30 p.m. every night. During the hours between 4:30 and 10 p.m. it travels sideways to the west or northwest and then disappears.

On first seeing it we assumed it was the star Venus, but on closer scrutiny through powerful binoculars, certain distinctive changes in shape, color and behaviour were noted.

The object appears to revolve at irregular intervals, causing one to see at first a large bright star "full face" as it were, then gradually assuming a quarter size by turning to the right, when a pointed projection could be observed on the back.

All light seemed to radiate from the front and edges and the object resembled, at this view, a radar "bowl" or receiver. The light was projected on the clouds ahead of this object giving the effect of a search light, the only difference being that there seemed to be no beam, the light was just there (maybe an atmospheric condition).

After completing what seemed to be a full revolution, the light would go out and disappear, then after an interval would return just like a light coming on.

On account of the recent snow storms we haven't seen anything the last few evenings, but right at this moment my daughter has just looked out and there it is again.

We've heard no reports of satellites or the like in the vicinity, so are still awaiting an opinion and would be interested in having yours or your readers'.

Mary A. Kendall,  
Boat Harbor, B.C.

*If there are others who have also seen this object, or have an opinion as to what it is, please let us hear from you — Ed.*

*Although UFOs recognize no earthly boundaries, their activity seems more intense in some regions than in others. (Further to this, see writer John Keel's letter to editor.) In our last issue we discussed unusual sightings in the Yukon. Now we turn to another active area, Vancouver Island.*

## UFO Dances over Valley

As four men drove up to the gate of the logging grounds at Gold River on Vancouver Island the evening of Dec. 1, 1968, they were surprised to find the gatekeeper, Bus Stevens, in a state of great excitement.

"That thing stalled my bus," he exclaimed. "I was just backing up when that light flew right above me and stopped me dead."

Climbing from their car, the foursome



DONALD KLINT and RAY FAIRSERVICE

... "it was creepy."

stared into the darkness and saw a bluish white light, about 10 times as bright as a star, performing lazy S figures along the Gold River valley. In the party were hotel manager Ray Fairservice and loggers Donald Klint, Darwin Bjornson and Rusty Shelly, all of Parksville, B.C. They were returning from a day of hunting on the logging grounds. *cont.*

"It was kind of creepy," Fairservice said as we interviewed three of the witnesses about their sighting. "It looked like a mercury vapor light flying around up there and it seemed to know exactly what it was doing."

Klint confirmed the impression that the object moved in a deliberate manner.

"It seemed to favor one side of the valley," he said, "and it followed the contours of the ground below. When it came to a bit of a rise it would go up one side and down the other."

Looking at the object through his rifle scope, the third witness, Bjornson, noticed something not visible to the naked eye.

"The light seemed to be a beam slanting down from a dark shape underneath it," he said. "There was definitely something carrying it. When the light passed in front of trees, my view of the trees was blocked off just underneath but not on top."

As the object moved farther up the valley, Stevens was able to restart his Volkswagen bus. After remaining in sight for about 15 minutes, the light finally disappeared beyond the surrounding hills.

Klint had this to add: "That thing was really bright. We could see the trees below it clear as day, and the moon wasn't up so it certainly wasn't that. And it wasn't a light from a helicopter. It made absolutely no sound."

## Repeated Visits at Dawn

For two of the witnesses at Gold River, Darwin Bjornson and Rusty Shelly, that UFO sighting was their second. Their first — or, more accurately, its series — was even more spectacular and of an unprecedented kind, as far as we know.

The remarkable history of this case started before dawn one morning in June, 1967. Bjornson, preparing to leave on his early logging shift, opened the curtains of his living-room at Parksville and was amazed to see a multi-colored glow hovering above Georgia Strait which his house overlooks.

"It was an incredible sight," he told us. "For a few minutes the ball of light just hung there and then it started to move slowly to the left, and as it moved it seemed to start



DARWIN BJORNSON

... watched through telescope

rotating. The colors changed like a colored beach-ball going round. They were mostly green, blue and reddish. Then it would stop and just one color would be showing."

Bjornson called his wife and for about half an hour they stared at the object until it shot up and disappeared in the dark sky. Meanwhile Bjornson phoned his friend and fellow logger, Shelly, who with his wife also watched the spectacle.

Judging by the fact that the UFO was on the near side of Lasqueti Island opposite Parksville, the observers figured it was about six miles away and perhaps 1000 feet up. Taking a bearing on it, they found that after any movement it would return to the same spot.

"We might have thought we were seeing things at first," Bjornson said, "but other fellows on the early shift saw it, too. They were all talking about it and no one could figure out what it was."

Next morning at the same time Bjornson, idly curious, peered through the window and could hardly believe what he saw. The UFO was there again — and this routine was repeated other mornings that summer! Each time the object stayed in view for about half an hour before shooting skyward. *cont.*

Since starting publication of *Canadian UFO Report* we have discovered that unless witnesses are dedicated UFO buffs there is often an inclination to remain noncommittal about what they saw. The experience of seeing something eerie and unexplainable is not easily placed among the normal events of living and so may become veiled from further thought.

Remarkable as they were, the Parksville sightings might have been lost from the record just like that. With already enough activity in their strenuous, sometimes hazardous, life to contend with, the loggers there were not likely to make a big story of their experience. Whatever other observers there were did not announce it either. Consequently not a word of the episode was mentioned even in the local press.

And so the case might have rested if the UFO had allowed it. But last summer for almost exactly the same period the object repeated its performance! Then there was enough talk to put us on to the story.

"This time I set up my telescope in front of the window and had a good look at it," Bjornson said. "Now I noticed something I hadn't seen before. When the thing stopped I could see it was divided into quadrants of different colors and these quadrants were changing in color."

This series of sightings also produced the fact that the object seemed sensitive to interference. Mrs. Bjornson recalled that on one occasion they heard jet aircraft approaching from north and south, and at this moment the UFO broke off its display.

"It shot straight up as if they had scared it off," she said. (We were unable to determine if the aircraft were military or commercial.)

Another feature was that the UFO appeared only in good weather. If there was rain or mistiness, it failed to show. But barring these interruptions, the UFO remained weirdly faithful to its schedule for eight or nine successive days. Then it was gone.

Whenever a UFO shows a distinct behavior pattern there is always the temptation to dream up an equally distinct reason. It is foolish, perhaps, because the mentality of those responsible for the mystery is almost certainly as alien to us as their devices.

But in this case two possible answers must at least be mentioned. One concerns the fact that in Georgia Strait there is an ammunition dumping area, now disused, that lies just south of the point above which the UFO was mainly seen. If the Ufoperators detected this great tonnage of metal beneath the water, they may have wondered if it was mobile and made their second visit a year later to see if it had moved or changed in any way.

That is a possible answer but somehow we prefer the other, which is that the UFO may have been trying to make itself known. If there are intelligent beings visiting us, goes a frequent question, why don't they communicate? Perhaps this is their introductory way of doing so. The succession of Parksville visits is the longest and most unusual we have heard of but not the first. In our previous issue we reported consecutive visits over Prince Rupert and there have been many others elsewhere.

To make repeated calls over one spot is surely an intelligent and persuasive form of introduction, particularly if it is also spectacular. Particularly, too, when in the same general area last summer and in the same period, and again at an early morning hour, another sighting was made that must also rate as one for the record books.

## Pattern of Sky Lights

It was about two in the morning July 1, 1968, when Bill Hawks, a logger, and Albert Ward, a painting contractor, finally neared shore in their outboard motorboat after a fishing trip on Georgia Strait. Their destination was the boat basin at French Creek, immediately north of Parksville, and they were tired. Miles back their large motor had conked out and they had finished the journey on their one h.p. putt-putt.

So Ward was not just making conversation when he pointed out a pattern of red lights over by the mainland, approximately above Pender Harbor 20 miles away. There was something unusual about those lights.

"It looks kind of like a forest fire," Ward said. "But is it?"

"The lights — there were seven of them —

were in the form of a rough triangle, wider at the bottom than the top," Hawks recalled, "and they were too high to be a fire. The sky was in the background. Also each light was shaped like a triangle, bright red with a sharply defined orange outline. The whole thing looked like a neon sign up there."

Obviously, however, it was not. Settlement along the shoreline there is sparse and Van-



BILL HAWKS and ALBERT WARD  
... ran aground after sighting

couver, far to the south, is out of view.

Also the pattern was of considerable size. The two estimated that at arm's length a 50-cent piece would just about have covered it, which at that distance gave it the dimensions of a large building.

"There was a light wind blowing but the lights stayed absolutely motionless, and they certainly weren't shining from a helicopter," Hawks added. "We could see the sky between them. There was no moon that night but there were lots of stars and visibility was good."

Hawks and Ward watched the lights for about two minutes then, to their further amazement, saw them blink out one by one. In about three seconds the pattern was gone, leaving no afterglow.

So absorbed were the two men in discussing the incident that they forgot their weariness

and also their navigation. Suddenly they ran aground on a submerged reef and remained stuck there until finally the tide freed them.

Even so, both of them still remember their sighting more vividly than the dismal hours of being stranded. Such an extraordinary UFO performance fits in with the theory that Ufoperators may be choosing this means to make themselves known and accepted. Yet this particular sighting brought to our mind another earlier incident in the same area which could suggest a much different motive.

On January 11, 1967, the tugboat *Gulf Master* and her five crewmen disappeared without a trace off Sechart just south of where the triangle of red lights was seen last summer. The four-year-old vessel was in excellent operating condition, and marine services investigators from the Department of Transport were at a loss to explain the tragedy. The only unusual circumstance, which they did not connect with the affair, was reported UFO activity in the area both before and after the tugboat's disappearance. Were unknown hostile forces at work?

The record books are full of such cases, with many of them raising the same question. In a recent issue of *Saga*, writer Glenn Berkner deals specifically with an area in the western Atlantic known as the Bermuda Triangle where, he says, an average of two ships, one airplane and assorted smaller craft disappear each year leaving no survivors, no wreckage and not a single clue as to their fate. This area, where the latest major casualty was the disappearance last May of the nuclear submarine *USS Scorpion*, has been known for its unexplained objects in the sky ever since the time of Columbus. In 1492 the great explorer and his men aboard the *Santa Maria* saw a strange aerial glow "like a bad waxen candle that rose up and went down" as they approached their first landfall in the Bahamas.

After this experience the crew was on the verge of abandoning ship but Columbus managed to restore discipline. He told his men that the light was a good omen, that they would find land the following day — and fortunately he was proved correct. At day-break they arrived at their first landfall in the New World — San Salvador in the Bahamas.

Today we seem to be faced by the same question that troubled Columbus' crew —

what is the meaning of UFOs? The strange glow seen by those early sailors was followed by their introduction to a new world. Perhaps what we see today will lead to discoveries equally momentous.

## Mystery of Two Lights

In many cases UFO reports mention observations made at night in which the witnesses thought at first they were looking at an aircraft with its landing lights on. Then the lights suddenly move in a strange manner that contradicts this.

Kurt Horn, operator of Kurt's Marina at Maple Bay near Duncan on Vancouver Island, had such an experience.

"It happened in the fall of 1967," he told us. "I was standing outside one night, looking out over the water, when I saw these two lights coming toward me from a southeast direction. They were white and looked just like the landing-lights of a 'plane. Then all at once, without slowing down, they changed course about 90 degrees to the left and were still shining straight at me! I have no idea what it was, but it didn't make a sound."

The lights finally disappeared behind hills skirting Maple Bay.

Consider this along with the well documented experience of Canadian Pacific Airlines pilot Capt. Robert Milbank and his crew. On a night flight from Lima, Peru, to Mexico City, Dec. 30, 1966, they also saw two white lights resembling those of another aircraft but were soon convinced otherwise. Capt. Milbank made this report on landing at Mexico City:

"The passengers were all asleep. We were flying at 35,000 feet off the coast of Peru, just south of the equator. Time was about 2 a.m.

"The co-pilot and I saw two white lights on the horizon to the left of the DC-8. The co-pilot was John D. Dahl of White Rock, British Columbia. He notified the other crew members: Navigator Mike Mole of Mexico City, Pilot Trainee Wolfgang Poepperi and Purser Joseph Lugs. All five of us then observed the events which followed.

"The lights were close together. They were twinkling and at first I thought they might be stars. But there should not have been two stars so close together.

"As we watched, the two lights seemed to be gradually separating and they were getting closer to us. If it had been a plane, I thought, the lights might have been red and white or red and green — but these lights were both white.

"Then I noticed that one of the lights was pulsating and changing in intensity. Then we noticed two beams of light coming from the lights and shining upward in a V-shape. The two main lights seemed to be descending and they levelled off alongside our aircraft. At one time the object shot out a trail of sparks, like a rocket.

"I tried to convince myself that this object was only another aircraft — or a satellite re-entering the atmosphere, but it was pretty obvious that it was neither of those.

"Then it seemed to be edging closer to us — and we could see a string of lights between the two lights, a structure which appeared to be thicker in the middle. It stayed there for a couple of minutes and then disappeared behind our aircraft."

Captain Milbank said that, while he did not believe in flying saucers, he felt that what he and his crew members had watched was a strange phenomenon which people commonly call flying saucers.

## Like "Car in Sky"

More recently from the prairies comes this report of two mysterious white lights that came so close to the witness, they scared him.

The witness was Martin Keulen who operates a farm near Duval, Sask. Interviewed by investigators at Regina, he related how, about midnight June 29, 1968, he had stepped outside for a bit of fresh air. Looking toward the south, he saw an egg-shaped object, lit at both ends, passing in a horizontal attitude over trees about 50 feet from him.

The lights were "window-pane white," he said, as bright as frosted Christmas tree lights. To him it "looked like a big car" passing across the sky. Between the lights

there was a dark mass that blocked the stars from view as it moved along. The ends of the object, from which the lights shone, appeared to be flat.

Keulen watched the object for 10 to 15 seconds before it disappeared from view. To judge from the distance covered, it must have been travelling 150 to 200 m.p.h.

When Keulen re-entered the farm-house, his wife said: "Aren't you feeling good?"

"Yes," he replied, "I'm feeling fine, but I just saw something."

"What did you see?"

"I don't know what I saw, but I think it's a flying saucer."

"You must have seen something that scared you because you look awfully white."

"Yes," Keulen said. "I was just plain scared."



KLAUS MUENTER

## UFO Keeps Date with Boys

By

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Night had finally fallen over the small town of Duncan on the east coast of Vancouver Island, Canada's jewel in the Pacific Ocean. The millionfold splendor of a starry August sky in 1967 had spread wide across the park-like countryside.

Our boy Leif, 12, with some friends from the neighboring subdivision, had erected a pup tent on the lawn in front of our house. "We want to watch flying saucers," Leif had announced mockingly. He hadn't realized how close he already was to seeing one. My wife, Peggy, and I had settled down in the living-room which faces the lawn. We were listening to the movement of a Mozart violin concerto.

The night wind wafted through the open window. "Wouldn't it be something if the boys would see a flying saucer?" I said. The hands of the old grandfather's clock moved to 11 p.m., but before it could strike excitement was all around us. Above the Mozart symphony, Leif's voice rang out, "Come quick, a flying saucer." For seconds his face had appeared at the window.

As fast as we could, we hurried outside and saw three small silhouettes with heads bent

back and hands pointing skyward. They repeated the magic words over and over again. In seconds Peggy and I were briefed and quickly our eyes spotted the object high amongst the eternal spheres. No sound of an engine. At a terrific speed the pulsating light moved from north to south.

In a few seconds it reached a point directly above us. Without stopping or reducing its speed, the pulsating light suddenly altered its course, made a right-angle turn and shot away towards the east. Soon it disappeared. Rest came late that night. For several hours the boys lay in front of their tent until their eyes grew tired from staring into the sky.

The following night I watched the sky once more. In a garden chair I scanned the sky with binoculars. A plane hummed past with flashing lights indicating its intention to land. Higher up the hissing engine of the airforce patrol jet plane laid out its regular sound carpet and still higher a satellite seemingly tumbled between the stars.

For minutes my ears trained on the roar of a transported shifting gears on the Trans Canada Highway about three miles to the west. Another small plane moved slowly across and as I turned my head — there it was again. This time the pulsating light, too fast to be focused in the binoculars, shot from the

west. It seemed to fly lower than in the previous night.

It followed a straight line, and seconds later it had zoomed into space and into the maze of stars. The magic of Unidentified Flying Objects had invaded our lives in a matter of seconds. In my mind I related other sightings in the Duncan area during the past several

years to our observation, and my longtime conviction as to the credibility of unexplainable objects in the sky had received first tangible proof.

Latest official findings on the U.F.O. phenomenon cannot erase my conviction that our planet is not the only speck in a universe too great for our minds to grasp.

## Strange Case of Falcon Lake: Part 1

*Consulting editor Brian Cannon of Winnipeg has made an intensive study of a Manitoba incident in which the witness claimed to have touched and looked inside a strange aerial object. Having discussed the case editorially in our last issue, Mr. Cannon now describes what happened. Following is the first part of his report.*

A great number of Canadians eagerly await the first signs of summer each year which generally arrive in time to coincide with the celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday on May 24. A caravan of automobiles can usually be seen on this first summer long weekend, travelling to a variety of resort areas in every province of Canada.

Summer was certainly evident when Stephen Michalak, a 52-year-old industrial mechanic from Winnipeg, Man., decided to spend the weekend at Falcon Lake, located about 80 miles east of Winnipeg on trans-Canada highway Number 1. Michalak is a native of Poland and due to political unrest in that country was forced to migrate to Canada in 1949. Since that time, he, his wife and three children have enjoyed the freedom and success of any average Canadian family with a home, a steady vocation and two of the three children attending the University of Manitoba.

Until May 20, 1967, Michalak had no express interest in flying saucers, UFOs or other such phenomena that have been the subject of much controversy in the past 20 years, but on that date he came face to face with an untoward incident that would affect his life for many months to come — a confrontation with an unidentified flying object.

Stephen Michalak left Winnipeg on the evening of Friday, May 19 by Greyhound bus to Falcon Lake and after arriving at his destination, he retired early so as to have a fresh start the following day. He is an amateur geologist by hobby and enjoys every opportunity to search out minerals particularly prevalent in this area. Literally hundreds of claims have been filed in the Whiteshell Forest Reserve and speculators feel there is a distinct possibility that rare and valuable ores such as uranium and gold lie in this ground.

So with these thoughts in mind, Steve rose early the following morning and prepared for his trek through the dense brushland. He carried with him his geology tools, a map, compass and other necessities as well as a lunch to see him through the day. At 5:30 a.m. May 20 he entered the bush.

Travelling at a leisurely pace through the woods, Michalak came across a section of rock near a large swamp and beaver dam. He decided to examine this formation more closely. As he approached the swamp, several geese there suddenly became aware of him and gaggled violently at the intruder. Soon the geese ignored Steve and he went about his task chipping at the formation of rock crystals.

Pangs of hunger reminded him that he had not eaten yet that day and at 11:00 a.m. he ate his lunch. He had only just returned to his labor when at about 12:15 p.m. his attention was again drawn to the frightened cackling of the geese on the nearby swamp. At the same instant, his eye was attracted by two scarlet lights in the clear sky above. As he watched intently, the two lights began to descend and assumed a definite cigar shape



*Wearing a welder's visor he carried on prospecting trips, Stephen Michalak protected his eyes against the UFO's brilliant light. His account of what he saw and ill effects he suffered made his Falcon Lake sighting a Canadian UFO classic. CAPRO director Bruce Cannon's full report of Michalak's experience starts in this issue.*

with a humped protusion on each top. Unable to comprehend what he was seeing, Michalak continued to watch as one of the glowing objects continued its descent to the ground, a scant 130 feet away. Its companion hovered above the tree tops for a few moments then suddenly sped upward into the sky and disappeared into the scattered cloud.

Steve's attention was then drawn to the object on the ground which now was changing color from the brilliant scarlet to grey-red to grey to silver. "It was exactly the same effect as hot metal when it cools down," he said. Still in a sense of shock, Steve was holding his small pick hammer. He was still wearing his protective welding goggles used to keep the stone chips from his eyes. What was this apparition in front of him? "I thought it may have been an American space project of some sort," he exclaimed.

After the red glare had disappeared, Steve was able to discern more detail of the now apparent disc-shaped craft. It was circular, about 35 feet in diameter, with sloping sides and a round dome structure above the upper deck. Surrounding this dome were horizontal slits which he estimated to be about 12 inches long. Down the sloping side facing him were nine vent-like openings each measuring approximately six by nine inches. Each opening

contained 30 small holes which perhaps, thought Steve, were ventilation or exhaust ports. He would soon find out the exact purpose of these apertures.

Several times during the period of observation Michalak approached the craft and returned to his original position to sketch as much detail as possible into a diagram he was preparing. He is an amateur artist and enjoys sketching the many beautiful scenes in this area.

Now, as the craft continued to cool, Steve could feel the waves of heat rolling from the craft toward him. With the heat came a vile nauseating odor comparable to the pungent smell of sulphur or a burned-out electric motor. Still fascinated by the unfamiliar craft he found himself again approaching it and at a distance of about 40 feet from the object he noticed a doorway appear in the side not far from the vent or exhaust ports. From the opening came a brilliant violet colored light that lit up the ground despite the bright sunlight of noon. Suddenly, through the whistling of air and the whining noise that came continuously from the craft, Michalak heard the distinct sound of three voices!

*(To be continued next issue)*

## Hairy Material Defies Analysis

In 1952 two groups of people, numbering 100 or more in each case, in two separate communities of France and on separate dates reported seeing a giant cylinder-shaped flying object accompanied by a group of smaller objects. From the "mother ship," they said, came clumps of white hair-like material that landed on trees, telephone wires and roof-tops where it stayed for several hours.

This was the first recorded instance of the strange UFO discharge now known as angel-hair. The mystery of it has been heightened by the fact that, when handled, the material disintegrates and thus has defied analysis.

But now from Manitoba comes report of a case in which the angel hair did not disintegrate when touched and was submitted for examination by experts.

This remarkable sighting, involving a witness who asked that his name be withheld, was investigated by CAPRO of Winnipeg. Its report follows:

At 4:00 p.m. on September 18, 1968, a Ste. Anne, Man. farmer was inspecting buildings on his farm when he suddenly observed an ovaloid or disc-shaped

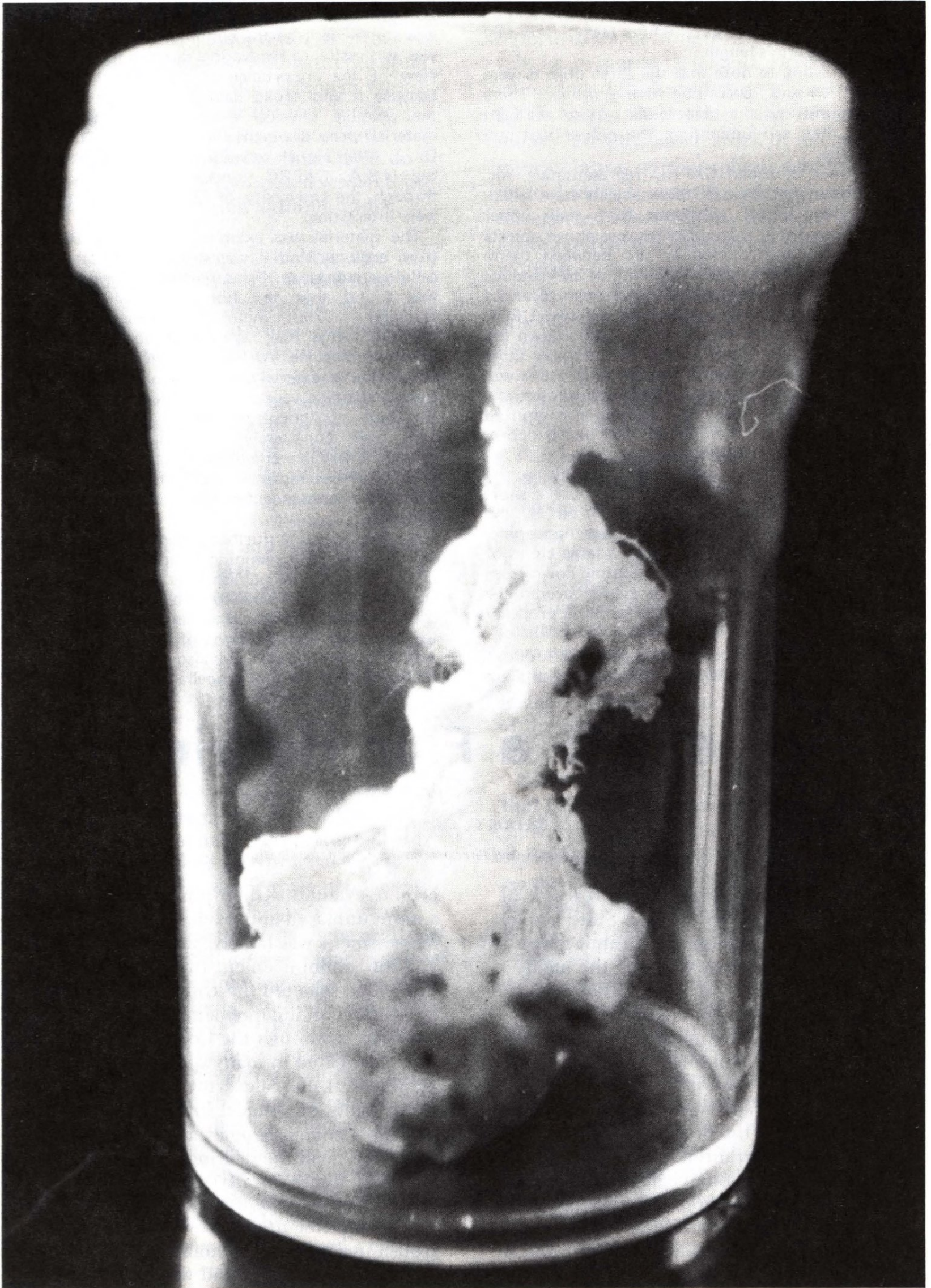
object travelling at a 45° angle above the horizon line.

The man estimated the object was approximately five miles away at an altitude of about 2500 feet. It was the apparent size of a 25-cent piece at arm's length and was moving from the northwest to the southeast at a speed that the farmer could not even estimate. The total duration of the sighting was 10 seconds.

As the object moved from his left to his right, the man observed a second object moving in an identical path directly behind object number one. As these two passed in front of him and away to his right, he noticed a third object immediately behind the other two. All three were equi-distant apart travelling in

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*Pictured on the next page is the sticky, white substance, resembling candy floss, that floated from three aerial objects appearing over Ste. Anne, Man. Known in UFO parlance as angel-hair, this substance was collected at the scene of sighting and, for the first time on record, preserved for analysis.*



the same direction, same altitude and speed. The formation of three UFOs could have been covered by a grapefruit at arm's length.

It is interesting to note that the three objects were travelling "on end" according to the witness. There was no sound and the objects did not reflect light nor were they self-luminating; the colour was dull metallic grey.

The farmer informed CAPRO representative, Mr. Roger Letourneau, that all three objects were expelling a white "fuzzy" substance from their upper ends. He stated that this substance rose above objects one and two and formed an arc between them. Although the objects were travelling at tremendous speed the wind or resistance did not seem to affect the arc which remained stable over the two UFOs. Some of the material seemed to be rolling down the sides and floating to the ground. Object number three was also expelling the same substance, but this was cascading down the sides of the UFO according to the farmer. When asked how the material was emitted from the objects, the man stated "just like popcorn, popping from a corn popper."

Although shaken by what was transpiring, he shouted to his wife who was in the house a short distance away. The woman ran outside, but by the time her husband explained what was happening, the objects were out of sight. Only a large cloud of the white substance was observed floating down from the sky toward the couple. This cloud covered the buildings and power lines on the farmer's property and much of the surrounding crops.

Mr. Letourneau learned of the sighting the following day and arrived at the farm the morning of Sept.

20. Although it had rained, much of the substance was still evident on the buildings and Mr. Letourneau was successful in recovering samples for CAPRO. In view of the importance of this sighting, not only because it was broad daylight, but also because of the possible physical evidence, specimens of the material were dispatched to APRO in Tucson and Dr. J. Allan Hynek as well as a technical institute in the U.S.A. CAPRO conducted our own analysis through the University of Manitoba and the results were interesting.

The material was examined by an infra-red spectrum analyzer and it was determined that it was a cellulose substance. Measurements were taken and it was found that the fibres were all uniform in diameter — 1/200th millimeter. Further tests revealed that our "angel hair" was rayon fibre coated with a gummy substance. At first the University speculated that it was a material used in the protection of crops, trees and other vegetation. A check was made with the Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Forestry who were completely unfamiliar with the fibre strands. There is a chemical preparation used in crop protection but representatives of these departments stated the substance from Ste. Anne was not this material.

We are awaiting further information from other sources who are examining samples as well and this information will be published as it becomes available. Our own investigations to determine an "earthly" use for this matter have been in vain. It is interesting to note that certain forms of cellulose are used in explosive compounds and also as important constituents of most military propellants.

## Needed: a Fair Hearing

By

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Twenty years ago an assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Ohio State University accepted a call from the United States Air Force to assist them in studying the highly controversial subject of unidentified flying objects. Dr. J. Allen Hynek has since freely admitted that, had he not received this official invitation, he would still consider the phenomenon as "rank nonsense." Many of Dr. Hynek's colleagues still regard these elusive objects as the product of wild imaginations and unwarranted speculation.

Although twenty-one years have elapsed since UFOs first appeared as front-page material in newspapers around the world, multitudinous reports continue to persist and it is only recently that many scientists have

been re-evaluating their position in relation to a more unbiased approach. Undoubtedly, this reassessment was largely due to the October 7, 1966, announcement that the U.S. Air Force had selected the University of Colorado to conduct an independent study into UFO sightings. Although the Colorado project has been castigated in many quarters for alleged ineptness, it must nevertheless be applauded for bringing the subject into scientific respect. The most encouraging event to follow this study has been the hearings before the U.S. House of Representatives committee on science and astronautics held July 29, 1968. The committee under the chair of J. Edward Roush invited six prominent American scientists to give oral and written statements

outlining their thoughts and recommendations. Added to the symposium were six prepared papers by other eminent educators. It is interesting to note that although these men were diverse in their theories on the origin of UFOs, their closing statements reflected a unanimous belief that UFOs do exist and that a properly funded research program should be instituted without undue delay.

In contrast to his original feelings Dr. Hynek commented “. . . the cumulative weight of continued reports from groups of people around the world whose competence and sanity I have no reason to doubt, reports involving close encounters with unexplainable craft, with physical effects on animals, motor vehicles, growing plants, and on the ground has led me reluctantly to the conclusion that either there is a scientifically valuable subset of reports in the UFO phenomenon or that we have a world society containing people who are articulate, sane and reputable in all matters save UFO reports.” By virtue of his statements at the hearing, Dr. Hynek has clearly defeated his detractors who have consistently claimed he is the USAF “swampgas expert.”

Of the 245-page report of the proceedings, 65 pages are devoted to the statements by Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the University of Arizona at Tucson. After two years of intensive investigation, Dr. McDonald has compiled an impressive list of UFO reports that he, personally, has evaluated. He answers the oft-asked questions of “Why don’t professional and scientific people see UFOs?” or “Why aren’t UFOs tracked on radar?” with specific cases involving sightings by airline pilots, astronomers, radar personnel etc. In line with previous scientific conjecture and his own hypothesis, Dr. McDonald stated “. . . my position is that UFOs are entirely real and we do not know what they are, because we have laughed them out of court. The possibility that these are extraterrestrial devices, that we are dealing with surveillance from some advanced technology, is a possibility I take very seriously.” Commenting on specific cases, Dr. McDonald disputed many of the explanations given by Harvard’s Dr. D. Menzel. Over the years, Dr. Menzel’s conclusions have gone virtually unchallenged in

his attempt to find logical answers to all reports in terms of natural phenomena.

In his prepared statement, Dr. Menzel recommended that any future evaluation of UFOs will be a complete waste of time and money. He puts much stock in the misinterpretation of atmospheric oddities which undoubtedly account for a large percentage of reported observations. Not once does he make reference to close range sightings where witnesses have described a completely unfamiliar machine, landings of these objects in practically every country of the world or the unusual effects of them on automobiles. “. . . it is time that we put an end to chasing ghosts, hobgoblins, visions, and hallucinations,” says Dr. Menzel.

This latter comment brings us to a point of view that was expressed by most of the speakers – the necessity of determining witness credibility. Dr. Hynek has designed a matrix that considers not only the sighting, but the observer as well. In line with this thinking, Dr. Robert Baker, Jr., of UCLA, pointed out vividly that seemingly reliable persons who report the UFO phenomenon are often not as stable as they appear on the surface. Physical and psychological knowledge of the witness must, in the future, be considered as important as the sighting itself.

And so the case rests. We cannot expect that the U.S. Congress will act immediately on the recommendations of these men but undoubtedly they will have a profound effect on the final decision. Canada and the rest of the world will be watching and if the U.S. decides to fund a project you can be assured others will follow suit. The vast amount of data compiled over the years overwhelmingly encourage such a study. In 1950, the Canadian Department of Transport authorized PROJECT MAGNET, a UFO research program under Wilbert B. Smith. After a considerable expenditure of effort investigating the phenomenon, Smith concluded, “It appears then, that we are faced with a substantial probability of the real existence of extraterrestrial vehicles, regardless of whether or not they fit into our scheme of things. Such vehicles of necessity must use a technology considerably in advance of what



*Discovery of remarkable celestial bodies called pulsars may explain how interstellar vehicles navigate corridors of space. Each pulsar has its own fixed position and emits a special signal. Similarity to our airline radio-aids is striking.*

we have. It is therefore submitted that the next step in this investigation should be a substantial effort towards the acquisition of

as much as possible of this technology . . .”

Can we afford to pre-judge the UFO or can we, too, give it — A FAIR HEARING?

## Do Pulsars Guide UFOs Through Space?

A question sometimes asked is that if there are spacecraft travelling the heavens across interstellar space, how do they navigate? Far in advance of us though they may be, it seems almost unbelievable that beings from other worlds could undertake journeys lasting countless years without becoming lost forever in the black void of the universe.

Late in 1967 astrophysicists at Cambridge, England, were the first to receive what may be the answer. A special radio telescope had just been completed there to capture fast bursts of radio energy from celestial sources. The purpose was to filter out interferences from solar wind and interplanetary plasma.

But shortly after they started operations, the scientists picked up a sound quite different from what they had expected. Their telescope traced a repeating short-short pattern of radio bursts from a fixed spot in the heavens. This was a brand new type of celestial phenomenon.

The first excitement was followed by more tests and checks. No doubt about it. The regular radio signals were coming in at intervals of slightly more than a second, day after day, month after month. In January, 1968, this newly discovered type of celestial object was introduced to the world as a pulsar. Was man at last in touch with intelligence in outer space?

In the excitement to learn more, radio-astronomers everywhere scanned the skies to pick up the sharp, amazingly regular chirping noise of a pulsar. They succeeded. To date, 26 pulsars have been located, with frequencies ranging from one to 30 per second.

Despite the accumulation of evidence, the nature of these objects remains as mystifying as ever. A theory advanced by Dr. Thomas Gold, astrophysicist of Cornell University, which other astronomers seem inclined to accept, is that they are incredibly

dense neutron stars, measuring as little as 10 miles in diameter, produced by supernova explosions. According to the theory, these rapidly spinning dwarfs release bursts of ionized gas at almost the speed of light, and it is this process that creates intense beams of radio waves — the regularly spaced pulses.

So far so good, but no theory that attributes these signals to natural phenomena can account for the remarkable similarity they have to our own radio-aid devices for aircraft. When an airplane travels on a radio beam it does so on a particular frequency over which it receives a particular signal. With this information the pilot knows precisely where he is heading as there are no two radio-aid sources exactly alike over any given route.

Nor, so far as is known, are any two pulsars exactly alike. Each has its own fixed place in the universe and each gives out its own special signal. A more effective means of guiding spacecraft along corridors of the universe is difficult to imagine.

As Dr. Drake at the U.S. Ionospheric Observatory in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, has said: “It’s very spooky, the way the strength of these things varies. They have such peculiar characteristics, it’s hard to explain them by natural causes.”

*(After this article was set in type, visual observation of a pulsar was reported. This great achievement almost certainly confirms the neutron star theory but does not eliminate these objects as possible aids to UFO travel. Undoubtedly they will have a place one day on our own space navigation charts.)*

### We Live on Space Ship

By SYDNEY HARRIS (Victoria Colonist)

I was listening to a lecture by an astronomer last month, and he mentioned the relative size of our world in the universe. He said that the best modern telescope can now see so far

into space that if we took the whole United States as our model, the Earth would not even appear on it, when looked at with electron microscopes.

This is a hard image to illustrate with words, so let me try again in another way. If that part of the universe we can already see were the size of the U.S., the size of the Earth in that area would be about as small as a virus compared with the whole country. Is that clearer?

How provincial of us, the astronomer went on, to imagine that our galaxy with 150,000,000 stars as large as our sun, does not have other planets with life on them — especially since there are 150,000,000 other galaxies in the universe, each containing as many millions of stars.

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Other stars no doubt have planets. Other planets, somewhere, must have pretty much the same environmental conditions that bred life on Earth; and out of this life must have come what we call “intelligent” life on some of these planets — and possibly millions of years before this planet began to cool off. To believe we are unique is the height of anthropocentric arrogance.

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If we could steadily see ourselves in this light — as a tiny speck of dust whirling about in one tiny corner of the universe, with the whole time-span of the Earth no longer than a twinkling — we might be able to reach a saner perspective on human and social problems.

Buckmaster Fuller’s old analogy of the Earth as a “space-ship” is another useful concept. We are all riding together in a space-ship that is smaller than the one the astronauts went up in, compared with the size of the cosmos. We are locked into this ship together and forever, and we survive or perish together and forever.

The first and absolute imperative in the space-ship of the astronauts is co-operation, and the subordination of individual will to the welfare of the ship as a whole. Only after that is there room for idiosyncratic differences. Disharmony among the astronauts means disaster for all.

Man must begin to take the “astronomical” view of himself and his world if he is to survive. It is far too late for any parochial view; too late for politics, too late for race, too late for class distinctions.

Our ship is now so highly explosive, so charged with incendiaries, that we have only two options: We stay up, or we blow up.

Not to see this, clearly and steadily and primarily, is to perish in the universe as obscurely and ignobly as we have lived.

## Another Odd Northern Light

*(Mrs. Sheila McCreedy at Swift River in the Yukon, whose series of sightings were reported in our first issue, sent us this unusual report carried by the Whitehorse Star. The incident occurred in December, 1968.)*

“Am I crazy?” asked Paul Lucier.

“I don’t know — but I can see something too” answered Fred Koch.

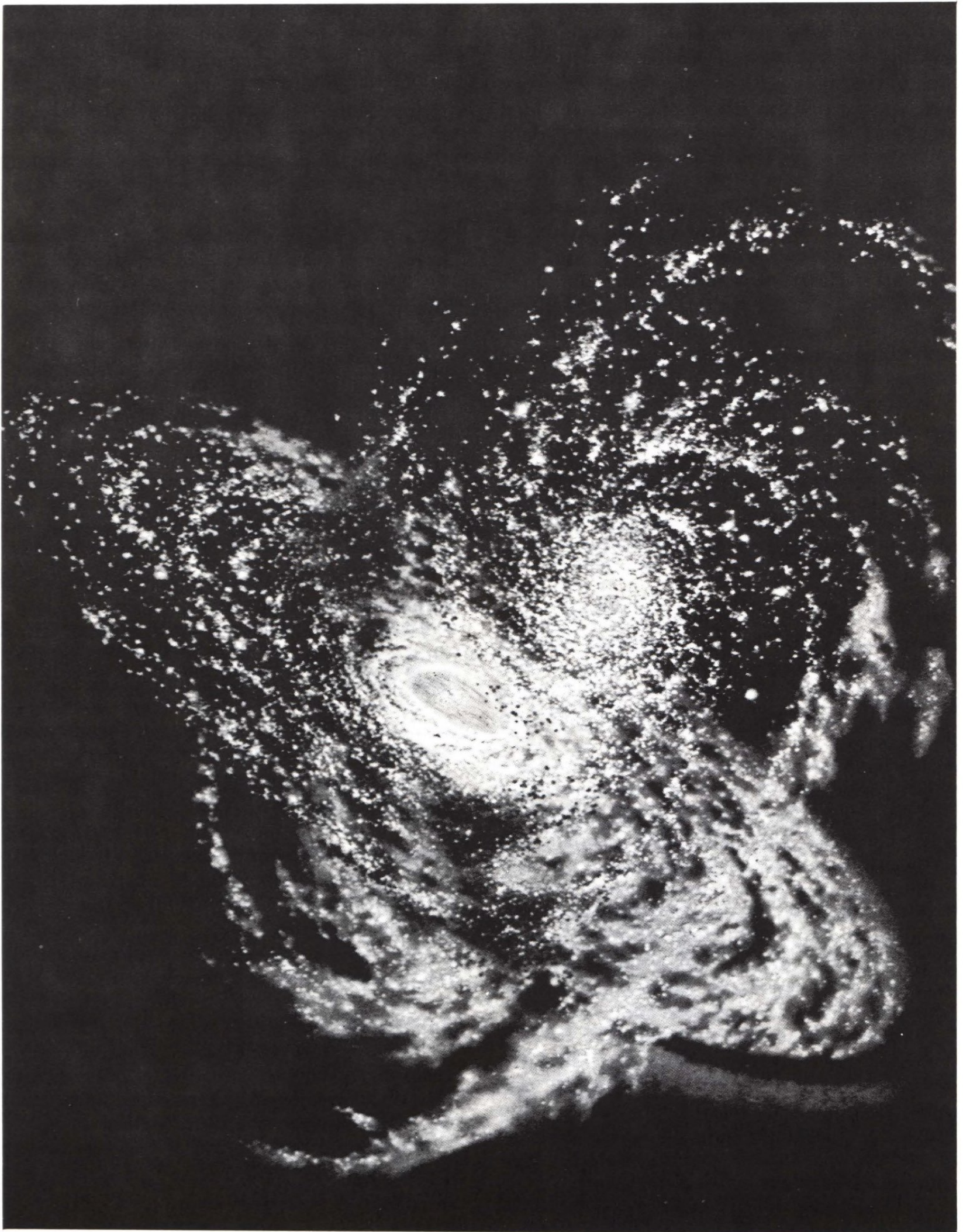
The two men were about to get into a car Sunday afternoon at Fred’s Workshop on Seventh when they noticed “something” in the sky across the Yukon River valley, near Grey Mountain.

As Fred told it: “There was this rectangular light. Paul spotted it first — too long to be an aircraft light, moving toward town. We stood and watched for four or five minutes. When it got above the river, it got brighter, started to separate, then a piece seemed to fall off. The thing seemed to be in two parts and kept coming west, stopped, then went south, looked like 200 yards or so, then came back and there was another separation, then east and faded out completely. Then, when we thought it had gone, it suddenly lit up again. This happened two or three times.”

What colour was it? “It just seemed like an ordinary yellowish-white light” Fred said, “but there seemed to be a reflection near the top, as if it were in two sections. It wasn’t really dark by that time” (between 4:30 and five o’clock).

Paul Lucier said the fragments which broke off and dropped seemed to be “burning” but he couldn’t hear any sounds.

He estimated that the object might have



*There is growing acceptance that somewhere in boundless reaches of space there are other worlds equally as capable as our minute globe in evolving life. Given even a few thousand years in advance of our development, their inhabitants would have achieved scientific skills far beyond our imagination. Perhaps for countless ages they have visited us.*

been between 7-8,000 feet up, but it was difficult to judge the distance. "It seemed to be approaching but not getting any closer. It was obviously a light of some kind. After we had watched it for several minutes, it faded right out, then got brighter, then faded right out and came back once more before its final fadeout."

The airport traffic tower records show that small aircraft were making regular circuits of the field between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. and then no traffic came in until 8:00.

This was no small aircraft, both men insist. And, they added "Now we believe there was something to the previous stories of strange objects around here."

Neither of them had a camera handy, nor binoculars.

## UFO with Struts and Fire

*(These two reports of another northern sighting were carried by the Prince George [B.C.] Citizen.)*

**Jan 2:** A Prince George man, Walter Webster, saw an object in the sky Wednesday evening which he believes could have been a UFO.

Webster was driving home along Fifth when he saw a bright orange object in the sky overhead.

At first he thought it to be Christmas lights and then possibly a jet. But when he stopped the car and put his head out of the window he saw the object was round with a square tail.

He also saw struts beneath the object and what seemed to be fire coming from the tail.

As it hovered overhead, apparently at a great height, he pulled into a service station and pointed it out to two attendants. They watched it travel slowly till it seemed to be above the Prince George pulp mill.

Webster drove home — keeping the UFO in view. At his Dahl Street home, he pointed it out to his wife and young children. He also phoned his brother, Ernie Webster, who watched it through binoculars. They saw it cruise above 100 Steps ski hill where the light fluctuated in brightness and faded out.

Webster said the object was completely silent and he had it in view for three-quarters of an hour. He was the only one who saw the object's detail as it appeared to have risen by the time he reached the gas station.

Webster contacted the Baldy Hughes RCAF base where he was told nothing had been observed on radar apart from "regular traffic."

He also contacted the RCMP who have received no other reports.

Webster is naturally interested in hearing from other citizens who may have spotted the UFO.

**Jan. 3:** Two more Prince George residents have come forward to add testimony to the Wednesday evening sighting of an unidentified flying object, reported by Walter Webster of Prince George.

Grant Magnuson, one of the sighters, was alerted by Webster — the other, Mrs. H.L. Hamel, said she saw it independently.

Magnuson, who wrote a paper on logical explanations of UFO's while he was in university, said the object appeared to be about one-eighth the size of the moon. He was accompanied by Don Cook when he made the sighting.

"We watched the orange-yellow light for 20 minutes," Magnuson said.

"When we first saw it at 5:15 p.m. it was close to the moon. What struck us was that it was relatively big and stationary.

"It was not close enough for us to see anything, but light. It was round . . . there was some difference in the density of the light and there was a corona or halo. It was far larger than the stars and a different color.

"It started to move relatively slowly, then stopped for five or ten minutes. It started to fade out as if it was rising. It faded and brightened four or five times dwindling to a red dot then disappearing.

"At first we thought it was a helicopter with a light, but it was noiseless.

"It was directly over Fifth and Carney . . . and the sky was clear.

"I thought it might have been a weather balloon carrying a flare, but an investigating RCMP member said this morning he had not heard anything to substantiate this."

Mrs. Hamel said she was driving east toward First with her husband and children when they sighted the UFO.

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*Correction: In reports of sightings in our last issue we mentioned the "Islander Hotel" at Hazelton, B.C. This was a misspelling, for which we apologize. Our reference was to the well-known Inlander Hotel operated by Mr. and Mrs. Sargent.*

moved and was brighter. We looked at it for 20 minutes and saw it disappear.

"I saw the same thing in February last year on a similar cold, clear night. Only that time

it seemed as if the light was on top of a cone."

Mrs. Hamel said they reported the UFO to the local weather station.

## Giant Objects Terrorize Mexican City

*While dealing mainly with UFO sightings and discussion in Canada, Canadian UFO Report will also carry items of particular interest originating elsewhere. The following article is one such item. Written by Harry Altshuler, it appeared recently in the National Enquirer.*

Brilliant white, green and blue light flooded the sky over Veracruz, Mexico, in the middle of the night as strange objects like enormous space ships hurtled toward a collision with earth.

Then abruptly they wheeled upward and outward over the Gulf of Mexico.

The earth trembled, shaking the buildings of a three-state area. The temperature dropped, then suddenly shot up again.

Thousands of people awakened to panic, and ran into the streets fearing the end of the world had come.

This occurred March 27, 1968, at precisely 15 minutes and 50 seconds after 2 a.m., Central Standard Time.

The chief of Mexico's Meteorological Department ruled out the possibility that it might have been a meteorite.

He said: "They acted like space ships going out of control."

Of the many eyewitness accounts, one of the most vivid was related to The ENQUIRER by Senora Angelita de Villalobos Arana, 40, mother of four.

Sleepless in the baking Veracruz heat, she awoke at 2:10 a.m. in her home on the Calle Moreno to get a drink of water.

She said: "I heard a far-off rumbling, a kind of growling. It got louder and louder.

"I couldn't imagine what was making the racket. All of a sudden it was almost ear-splitting.

"My boy, Omer, that's my youngest, he's 12, woke up and called me, then ran into the kitchen. We looked out the kitchen window, then we ran to the front door and out on the porch. By that time the other kids were awake and joined us.

"It's very dark on our street, but everything was beginning to be lighted up. I felt cool, then cold. The light got brighter.

"Before I had a chance to realize what was happening, it was as bright as day — and the terrible noise kept on.

"My neighbor, Senora Arnulfo Ramirez, came out on her porch, too. Her husband and two daughters were with her.

"The little girls were crying and screaming.

"I was so scared I didn't know what to do, but I tried to stay calm because I didn't want to excite or scare the children.

"But then everything turned a frightful green. And the noise got louder. My kids started crying and carrying on. It got me, too; I was shaking all over.

"Somebody down the street screamed: 'It's the end of the world!'

"Senora Ramirez ran into the street. She got down on her knees and was screaming and praying at the same time.

"I guess we all were. Pretty soon the street was full of people screaming and praying.

"Then the light changed to a blazing kind of blue and it got very hot. Somebody — I don't know who — shouted that it was an Atom Bomb or an H-bomb.

"I felt as if I was going crazy. The people in the street acted insane. Then it was pitch black.

"We ran back into the house, the kids still crying and carrying on. And all of a sudden the house began to quiver and shake. I didn't think about it being an earthquake. I just thought that sure enough, a bomb had fallen on the city and we were going to die, to be completely destroyed. The children were holding onto me and we all cried and prayed as we never did before.

"My husband died last year; and there I was — all alone with my four children.

"After awhile it was still and quiet in the house but I could still hear screaming in the street. I phoned the police but it was busy, busy; I had to try many times before I could get through.

"They told me not to worry, everything was all right now.

"But I wouldn't want to go through that again! Not as long as I live!"

Some of the eyewitness accounts differ slightly but they are enough alike so that facts can be established. There were the objects in the sky. There were the glaring colors — first white, then green, then blue.

There was the sudden shift in temperature, from a wave of cold to a wave of warmth. There was the rumbling roar of sound.

And there was the earthquake to top it all off.

Although no one was injured by the quake and no structural damage appears to have been done, the

quake is a fact, recorded by a seismograph, the delicate instrument which registers earth tremors.

The top Veracruz official, Mayor Rafael Murillo Vidal, was at home asleep when the strange sequence of events began. He said: "I was awakened about 3:35 a.m. by a call from an associate who told me what had happened. I knew it was no joke, for he would not call me at that hour otherwise.

"I dressed and went outside. The police were still hard at it establishing control. There were many people in the streets, especially around churches. Gradually they dispersed, but many were still hysterical.

"While I heard many conflicting reports, I am naturally inclined to take the word of responsible officials, the chief of police and the weather bureau chief."

"It was the wildest experience you can imagine," said the Chief of Police, Hector Hernandez Tello.

"I happened to be awake when it started, but not at my office. When the glaring lights began, I wondered what was going on. In a couple of minutes I had a phone call from headquarters, and I rushed down there. It was hard getting my car through; there were people thronging the streets. The first thing I did was to send 70 police officers to what seemed the most troubled area.

"I went with one group of my men, and we had a hard time making people listen to us. There were

about 300 people in this particular area. They were hysterical. Some were tearing their clothes off. Some were beating their heads. Some were clawing and scratching at church doors.

"A priest came from the rectory. So many people tried to reach him, they mobbed him and he was dragged to the ground. When he was able to stand again he tried to quiet the crowd, but his voice could not be heard over their screams.

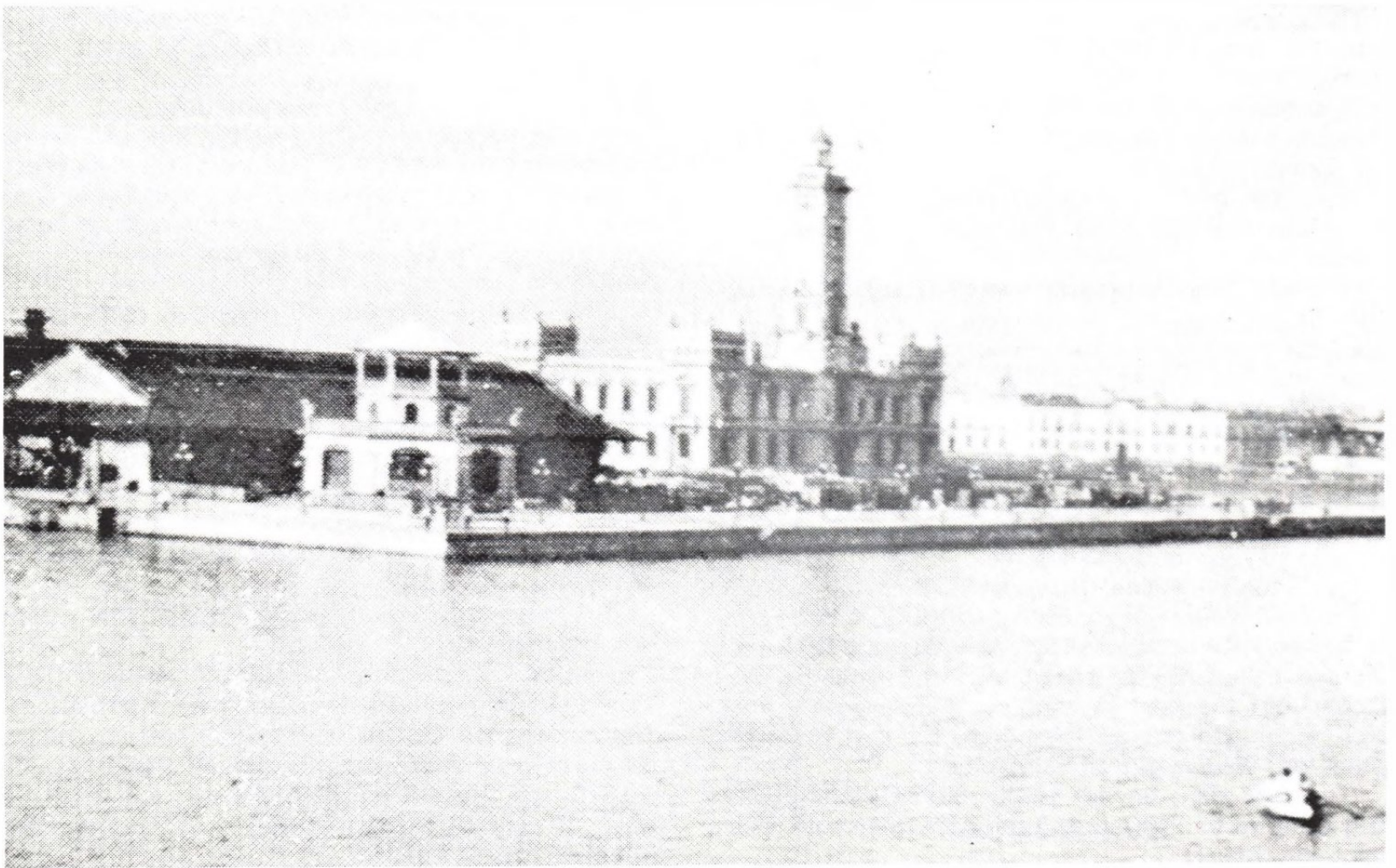
"It was as if the inmates of a dozen insane asylums had all been turned loose at the same time. One woman had to be hospitalized because she had seriously injured herself by beating her head against the pavement. Two of our policemen were so affected they also became victims of the hysteria. There were tears running down their cheeks and they were praying, saying it was the end of the world.

"I'll confess I was also tremendously shaken — but as we say here, 'Ni modo' — which means, nothing else to do but to stand firm and do my best. It was 5 a.m. or thereabouts before I could get back to headquarters. As for going to sleep, it was unthinkable."

The Mexican Department of Meteorology and Weather Bureau has its headquarters in Veracruz.

Department Chief Ernesto Dominguez, 51, an engineer with a worldwide reputation as an outstanding meteorologist, said the seismograph recorded a "moderate" shock.

Dominguez heads a complex organization which



*A living nightmare was experienced by the citizens of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico where brilliant objects of massive size blazed from the darkness toward them. The earth shook and thousands believed the end had come.*

includes as many as 50 sea-going vessels stationed at various points in the Gulf of Mexico, each manned by a qualified graduate engineer; plus numerous land-based stations similarly staffed.

Although workers in the Weather Bureau offices were at first inclined to minimize the whole affair as caused by microscopic fragments of meteorites, their chief sharply reversed this view after sifting and analyzing reports from his staff. Dominguez said: "This probably was not a meteorite. We cannot say for sure just what it was.

"We do know that it did not fall to earth or collide with the earth.

"Its trajectory was curved. Imagine a jet or a space ship suddenly going out of control and plunging down directly toward earth.

"Then — as if control was regained suddenly — the object or objects suddenly veered away from earth, only moments before collision point, and went out over the Gulf of Mexico. But I think it did not fall into the sea. It could have gone upward.

"A meteorite would hardly do such a thing."

When the Unidentified Flying Objects were close enough to show definite outlines — a height estimated at 5 to 10 miles above earth, Dominguez said — even then they appeared to be more than 2 yards in width, about the average man's armspread.

He said: "If at that great height the thing or things were visible to this extent, they could well have been truly enormous in size.

"As for the earth tremor and the roaring sound, these were caused by tremendously great pressure — and only pressure.

"The objects came close enough to exert this great pressure, and then veered away.

"We believe that the earthquake and the great noise were caused when the things reached their nearest point to the earth, about 1,600 feet away.

"It was at this point that collision was somehow avoided as the things abruptly changed course and veered off."

In his official report, published in the April issue of his department's "Boletin Climatico" (Climate Bulletin), Dominguez likened the objects to a tremendous glowing ball.

Based on the many observations reported to him, he said there were flaming offshoots such as are seen from a rocket being launched.

The path of the objects was noted as east-northeast to west-southwest.

His report made note of, but offered no explanation for the varied changes in color and the shift in temperature.

It estimated the speed of the flying objects as 70 kilometers per second — or something better than 156,000 miles per hour.

If a large object traveling at such a speed had struck earth, there would have been massive destruction as if from a huge bomb.

Asked if a meteorite could swerve to avoid collision, Dominguez commented:

"It just doesn't seem to be likely."

Among those in the best position to see the whole sequence of events from the start were guards on

night duty at the Allende State Prison, outside Veracruz City.

At first the entire sky was flooded with brilliant white light for two or three minutes, the guards recalled — much brighter than noontime on a summer day.

As their eyes began to adjust to the dazzling light, they could see it came not from one source, but from several. Some said they could discern the outlines of smooth objects. Then the light changed to brilliant green, then to blue; and finally paled out as the earth beneath them began to tremble.

Others who were awake and had a clear view of the strange objects were crewmen working on ships in the Gulf of Mexico.

The tanker Alfa Mex II was 3 miles out in the Gulf, near Villa Rica, and about 25 miles from Veracruz. Its crew and Captain Fernando Piana Lara reported they saw "two or three objects in the center of a bright ball of fire."

They reported by radio to Veracruz that the sea was churned up into fountains of spray immediately afterward.

The Mexican warship Guanajuato, commanded by Captain Alvaro Arzamendi Garcia, was also in the Gulf. Its crew reported seeing several objects emitting flames, and confirmed that the waters of the Gulf were churned up.

The ship's crewmen said they had seen falling stars, or meteorites, before, and were confident that this was something different. "It was far too brilliant and much too colorful to be meteorites," they reported.

Among the land-based witnesses, there was disagreement about the shape of the faintly-seen outlines of the flying objects.

Some claimed they could see dim outlines of metallic-looking cylinders.

Others said the things appeared globular or more oval-shaped in the typical saucer configuration.

"I could swear it had a definite, round, somewhat cylindrical shape," said high school teacher Elias Gomez, who had just parked in front of his home on Ave. Juarez, Veracruz.

"That was no meteorite! I have read about Flying Saucers, but I never saw one, or anything like one, until then. I believe something is going on, and has been going on for years, that we don't know much about.

"If those things were meteorites, they would have gone on and hit the earth, but they didn't; they went back into space.

"So if they weren't meteorites, what were they?"

"I have my own ideas: Either extra-terrestrial from some other planet, or something secretly developed by a country here on earth to overcome high-speed space traversing problems."

Veracruz has 65,000 residents and to some of the policemen on duty that night, it seemed that most of the residents were out in the streets.

Patrolman Noriberto Rodriguez, who was on midtown patrol, said: "Thousands of people were running around.

"One poor woman was beating her head in the

street; her husband was trying to stop her.

"I tried to stop her, too, but she was like a mad-woman.

"More than 100 people were beating at the doors of the church near the main square; others were kneeling, praying and yelling.

"And some people were even rolling on the sidewalk in front of the church."

Not only the population of Veracruz City witnessed

the remarkable phenomenon.

The strange flying objects were seen all over Veracruz State, and in the neighboring states of Tabasco and Oaxaca.

However, no report of the incident has been filed with the U.S. Air Force's UFO study project at the University of Colorado.

A spokesman there said:

"Our investigations did not take in Mexico."

## Miraculous Artifacts Left by Early Beings

"There were civilizations like ours that were destroyed! There's no question whatever of this . . . These civilizations are now buried so deeply within the lower strata of the Earth that we simply do not have archeological evidence of their existence. But we have abundant references in literature — even in rabbinical literature — that many times before, and I quote, that before this present Earth Age existed, in fact several times, several times the same Earth was created — then it was leveled and recreated; all civilizations were buried."

The speaker, in a recent exclusive interview by *Science and Mechanics* magazine, was scientist and historian Immanuel Velikovsky whose books on the catastrophic evolution of man have shocked conventional thinkers. But, like it or not, Velikovsky is a scholar to be reckoned with for it was he who accurately predicted the high surface temperature of Venus, the craters of Mars and the retrograde axial spin of Venus.

While Velikovsky's views on intelligence in outer space have not been spelled out, as far as we know, his belief in civilizations before the history of present mankind must give support to ufologists who hold the same belief, though perhaps for a different reason. Their interpretation of ancient writings, art works and certain geological oddities is that spacemen colonized Earth as long as 200 million years ago and may have cohabitated, eventually, with our earliest ancestors.

In his book *Flying Saucers Are Watching Us* Otto Binder gives this list of geological anomalies which, among others, science is unable to explain:

\* As reported in the *Scientific American* in 1851, rock was being blasted apart in a New England community. Among the shattered stone debris was found a metallic vessel broken in two. When placed together, the pieces formed a bell-shaped chalice about four and a half inches high and six and a half inches wide, made of zinc impregnated with silver. There were intricate flower designs all over it in inlaid silver. It came from 15 feet down in solid rock which could not have been deposited or formed less than several million years ago.

\* Reported in 1845 (and still existing) is a nail of obvious manufacture that was found in a stone block from the Kindgoodie quarry in north Britain. The nail was half embedded in stone, half in till (or tillite) which is the crumbly matter churned up by the glacial ages. If the nail originally rested in the solid stone, it is millions of years old, but even if in part of the till, it is a minimum of 10,000 years old. And where did they have plants manufacturing nails in 8000 B.C.?

\* Again in a quarry, near Tweed in England, workmen in 1844 discovered a gold thread encased eight feet below the surface of the stone bed. This would also date back for geological ages, not mere historic or prehistoric periods of time.

\* In 1851 another cut-iron nail, six-penny size and only slightly corroded, fell out when a man dropped a piece of auriferous quartz he was examining, dating back at least one million years.

Binder remarks that artifacts found in coal beds are the most difficult of all for scientists to explain away. Coal from the Carboniferous

era was laid down up to 270 million years ago, while Miocene coal cannot be less than 12 million years old. So now we come to these two cases:

\* In 1891 Mrs. Culp of Morrisonville, Illinois, was shoveling coal into her kitchen stove when a large lump broke in two. Exposed to her astonished view was an intricate gold chain as finely worked as anything jewelers can make today. What prankster — if a hoax were suspected — would go to the trouble of slicing apart a lump of coal, putting in a valuable gold filigree chain, then carefully seal it up and hope that Mrs. Culp would accidentally find it in her coal supply?

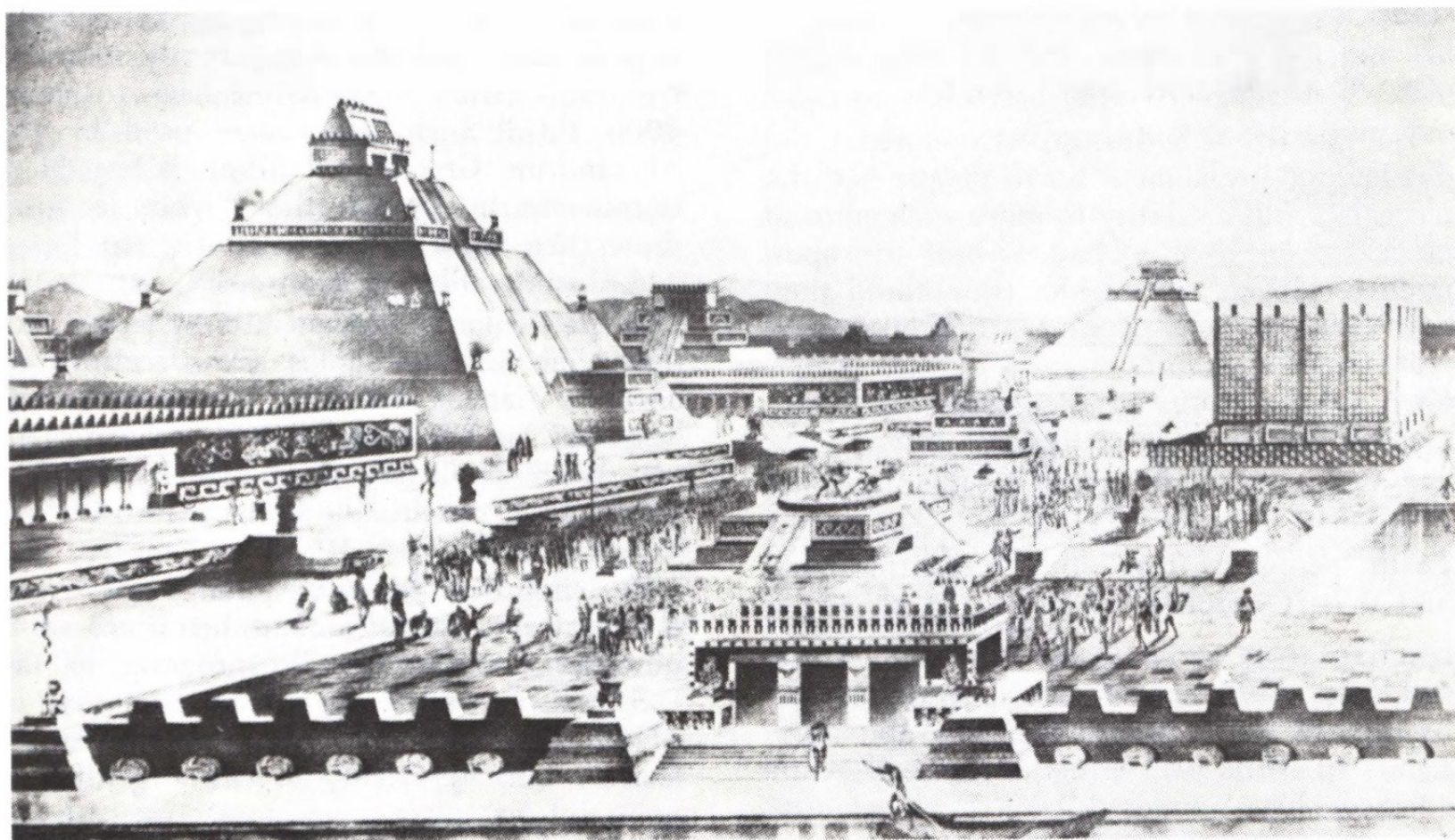
\* In Salzburg, Austria (and now in a museum) a block of coal of the Miocene strata (12 to 26 million years old) yielded a perfectly machined cube of steel with slightly convex but symmetrical top and bottom sides, and with a cut groove running precisely around its middle. It was examined by scientists, technicians and steel experts and all declared it could not possibly be natural and was positively artificial — an artifact made by hands, human or otherwise.

But even in the face of evidence such as

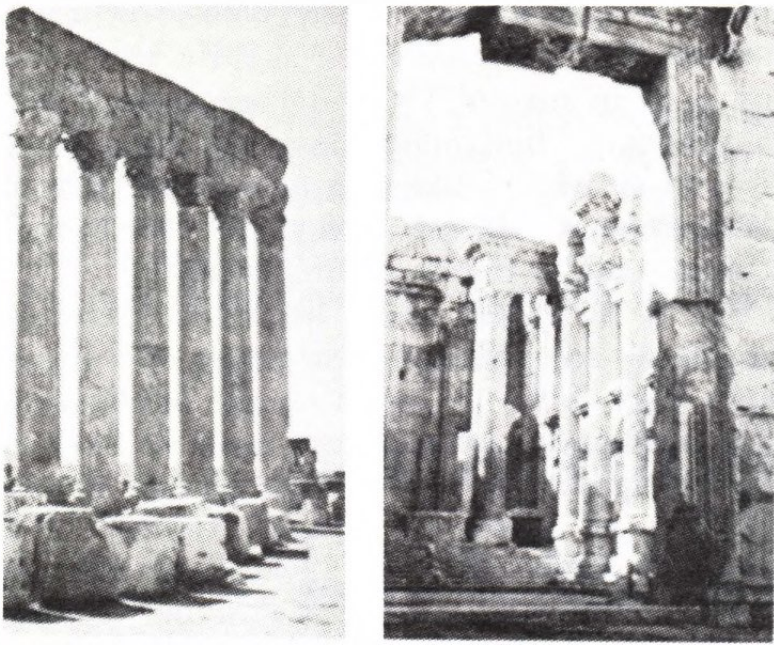
these extraordinary findings the orthodox scientist or the confirmed skeptic will come up with an answer. The usual argument is that anything so unexplainable must be a hoax. For those who dislike unconventional ideas, it is simpler to blame a mystery on human cunning rather than human ignorance.

On a far larger scale, however, there are mysteries suggesting the existence of a super-race that defy any such simple explanation. An imposing example is the ruins of Baalbek at the northern end of the Syrian desert. Writing of these in *Flying Saucers UFO Reports* (now defunct), Joseph Goodavage said: "There isn't a shred of evidence to show when, or by whom, or even how this colossal structure was built. It was there thousands of years before the ancient nomadic Syrians drove their camels across the desert sands. Its design is sheer grandeur, its execution the epitome of grace. Nothing built during the past 30 centuries in that part of the world can equal it."

Among the ruins are the beautiful frescoed roof slabs of the Temple of Jupiter. They rest atop pillars standing 65 feet in height. How those massive stone slabs were lifted there



Identity of those who performed magnificent feats of architecture like this in Mexico remains a mystery. The builders preceded the Aztecs and Toltecs whose legends spoke of a "race of giants." The legends gained credence when enormous human bones were unearthed by Spanish conquerors.



*Incredible engineering skill was shown in construction of temples at ancient Baalbek in Syria. Scientists cannot explain how these massive stone slabs were placed atop their pillars. The late Dr. Jessup theorized they must have been lifted there by an enormous space ship.*

remains a mystery.

Part of the temple is a wide verandah composed of only three enormous stones built into a huge wall more than 20 feet above the ground. Each of these stones is almost 70 feet long. In the distant quarry from which the stones came, another huge block lies squared off and ready to move (uphill) and set into place. It weighs more than 1,000 tons.

The late Dr. M.K. Jessup, astrophysicist, did not believe any ancient Earth people had the incentive, will or ability to move such colossal blocks, even if they had known of ropes, pulleys, blocks and tackle. How could they have devised ropes of vine strong enough to withstand the strain?

“Levitation is the only feasible answer,” he said. “I believe that this lifting engine was a space ship, probably of vast proportions; that it brought colonists to various parts of the Earth, probably from other terrestrial areas; and that it supplied the heavy lift power for erecting great stone works; and that it was suddenly destroyed or taken away. Such a hypothesis would underwrite all of the movements of stone over which archeologists and engineers have pondered.”

Elsewhere in the world, notably Egypt, Peru and Mexico, there are the remains of gigantic engineering feats indicating the use of tech-

niques unknown to us even today. In Mexico the conquering Aztecs were awed by the sight of the ruins of Teotihuacan, northeast of what is now Mexico City, when they conquered the Toltecs. Archeologists are totally mystified by the origin and subsequent disappearance of these highly civilized people who ruled a great and thriving empire that stretched from Central America to what is now the United States.

Enormous human bones were unearthed all around Teotihuacan by the Spanish conquerors, and both the Aztec and Toltec legends spoke of a “race of giants” there. In the opinion of researchers, everything known about these people shows clearly they did not belong originally to the central plateau of Mexico on which they built their capital.

But perhaps the most astonishing evidence of all that a superior race walked, and seemingly flew above, this earth before us is what is known as the Piri Reis maps, now held by the U.S. Library of Congress. Brought to light by a retired engineer, Arlington H. Mallery, who became interested in ancient navigational documents discovered by a Turkish naval officer in Istanbul, these maps show the entire world in great detail, including the coastline of the entire Antarctic. Yet, ancient as they are, these maps apparently stemmed from still earlier maps dating back to about 3000 B.C.! Such maps were used by the Alexandrine Greeks and other eastern Mediterraneans in Roman times who, in turn, drew their information from Ancient Egypt and possibly older civilizations.

Of particular Canadian interest is the fact that the Piri Reis maps show sections of northern Canada which, at the time of their discovery in 1952, had only just been mapped. Whole mountain ranges, which until then were unknown to the modern world, are shown in detail.

Recalling that the whole strange matter was discussed by scientists and historians on a university-sponsored radio program in the U.S., science writer Ivan Sanderson says in *Flying Saucers in Fact and Fiction*: “As the learned but admittedly mystified gentlemen on that program confessed, the thing defies comprehension unless (1) there were expert surveyors and cartographers with very precise instruments who knew that the world was a

globe drifting in space, before 3000 B.C. and (2) these personages (or beings) had not only most seaworthy ships *but also flying devices of some sort*, for it was their express belief that those inland mountain ranges could not have been mapped so accurately by even the best equipped teams traveling over the surface of the earth.”

But persuasive as these examples are that

beings of incredibly advanced intellect – perhaps an evolution from other worlds – once strode our world like giants, they are not for the most part examples with which we are familiar. To bring the evidence closer to home *Canadian UFO Report* asked M.B. Gaunt, Canadian author, scientist and historian, to discuss an early scientific miracle seen by thousands yearly – Stonehenge. His article follows.

## Who was Ancient Building Genius?

By

M.B. GAUNT

Every ancient civilization from the Greeks to the Aztecs abounded in legends that related to visits of men from other worlds. Perhaps underlying these stories was a substratum of truth. If men of to-day can visit the Moon then it is surely possible that intelligent beings from another planet have, in the past, left their calling cards on this sphere of ours called Earth.

There is not, and probably cannot ever be, direct evidence of such visits but then no man has ever seen a dinosaur though there is proof enough not only that they existed but that they were the most dominant form of life existing at that time.

Circumstantial evidence is, often enough, more reliable than the account of an eye witness because such evidence is accumulative and less subject to human error. All of which brings me to the subject of this account – Stonehenge.

This ancient monument of a forgotten civilization was built in England on the Wiltshire Downs a few miles north of the old city of Salisbury and it was built 4,000 years ago when, in the whole of northern Europe there was not one other building resembling it in the fact that it was architecturally designed.

Stonehenge is approached from the north-east by a sunken track usually referred to as an Avenue. From the remains of this magnificent monument its original size and shape can be brought to mind. There was the Avenue of approach then a great earthwork

that encircled the building itself. First there arose a great circle of sarsen stones with connecting lintels. The diameter across the circle being 100.75 feet. Then came an inner circle of great bluestones. Then an ovoid of bluestones.

Near the south-east edge of the Avenue about two or three hundred yards from the outer ring of stones is a single upright sarsen known as the Hele Stone. It is over this stone that, if one is standing in the centre of the monument, the sun is seen to rise on the dawn of Midsummers Day. On that day 4,000 years ago the sun came up exactly over the centre of the Hele Stone. To-day, through time having brought about a slight change in the position of the earth in relation to the sun on Midsummers Day, that great star now appears slightly to the right of the stone's centre.

Through modern investigation it has been proven that the outer circle of great stones had their astronomical significance. Standing again in the centre of the monument the gaps between the stones of the outer circle still line up accurately with the moon during principle cycles of the lunar year.

Let us interest ourselves in the bluestones that are so massive and form such a great part of this mighty relic of ancient days.

Westward, as the crow flies, 130 miles from Stonehenge, on the top of a mountain, Prescelly by name, is the only spot on earth from which the bluestones could have been brought. Great pinnacles of stone, standing

with their grain upright, rear themselves against the blue of the sky like pointed fingers. Sea birds fly about them and light occasionally on the burial mounds of ancient Britons which are scattered about the mountain.

The bluestones of Stonehenge could only have come from this one place. How could they have been brought to their present resting place on Salisbury Plain? Prescelly is 16 miles from the sea at Milford Haven on Wales' most western promontory. In some way those stones were cut from the living rock with primitive tools and then carted on wooden sleds to the sea where they were placed on rafts which were then towed up the Bristol Channel. From there these ancient men took the stones by way of the River Avon and the River Wylie, portaging a few miles from one river to the other. The upper reach of the latter river brought them to within two miles of their destination.

The largest stone in the great monument weighs over 52 tons and the average weight of the stones is 26 tons. Yet these stones were

transported many miles by primitive man and then erected and placed in perfect position, architecturally and astronomically.

Before being placed upright the stones were carefully chipped into the present shape and longitudinal ones were dovetailed in order that they would fit each other firmly. It is amazing to come to the realization that the lintel stones which cross over the uprights are actually carved wider at their tops than their bases to allow for perspective.

Stonehenge in the world of 4,000 years ago was built in an isolated place, a place considered to be at that time at the outermost edge of the world.

Who was the Architect who could build such a place? Who could, through awe and affection, exercise power over many thousands of men working for a great many years and inspire them to such a creation as Stonehenge?

Was it a wanderer from ancient Egypt?

Was it someone with even greater knowledge. Someone from another greater civilization in outer space?



**LETTER TO EDITOR  
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Sir:

Presumably I am addressing John Magor, the editor.

My friends and I make a study of UFOs and were impressed by the first issue of your magazine. But we have not heard of you before.

Would you give us some background about yourself.

Harold Ferguson,  
Toronto, Ontario

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